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SUBJECT : UAEG DESIRES PROCEED WITH BUREC DAM STUDY PROPOSALS

FOR AID/STS

DEPT PASS INTERIOR

1. CHARGE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CAL SEPT 17 FROM ALI SHURAFI, DIRECTOR PRESIDENTIAL DIWAN, STATING THAT UAEG HAS DECIDED THAT IT WISHES PROCEED WITH NEXT STEPS IN BUREC DAM PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN STUDY OF DEC 1974 ENTITLED "COLLECTION OF MOUNTAIN RUNOFF." SHURAFI ASKED FOR SOME FORM OF LETTER--WE EXPECT HE MEANS ANYTHING WHICH WOULD CONFIRM RATHER GENERAL PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN SUBJECT STUDY-- AND SOME INDICATION AS TO WHEN IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BEGIN NEXT PHASE. SHURAFI ALSO ASKED WHETHER COST FACTOR OF \$300,000 WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT IF NUMBER OF SITES TO BE INVESTIGATED WERE REDUCED FROM THE EIGHT LISTED PAGE 32 OF REPORT TO SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, TWO OR THREE. CHARGE PROMISED MAKE IMMEDIATE INQUIRY AND GIVE SHURAFI RESPONSE ASAP.

2. COMMENT: SHURAFI'S CALL IS VERY MUCH IN NATURE OF BOLT OUT OF BLUE. WE HAD FRANKLY COME TO DISPAIR OF EVER HEARING OF THIS ONE AGAIN. SHURAFI IS, HOWEVER, INDIVIDUAL WHO, UNDER OVERALL DIRECTION OF SHAIKH SUROOR, HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS

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PROJECT AND QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ALL

ALONG. HE IS INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM PEMBERTON PRESENTED REPORT  
LAST DEC AND WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FOLLOW UP--  
WITH LITTLE SUCCESS--EVER SINCE. HE DID AT ONE POINT TELL  
AMBASSADOR THAT GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO SORT OUT WHICH WAY  
IT WISHED TO PROCEED ON THIS WHOLE WATER QUESTION. WE CAN  
ONLY ASSUME THAT DECISION HAS NOW BEEN REACHED AND THAT BUREC  
PROPOSAL IS ONE, AT LEAST, OF COURSES CHOSEN.

3. COMMENT CONT: WHERE THIS LEAVES QUESTION OF BROADER  
WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (STATE 151038, ABUT DHABI 1921) IS  
ANYONE'S GUESS. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS TO  
GET COPIES OF PAST STUDIES AS PER CITED TELS. POINT OF CONTACT  
IN SHAIKH SUROOR'S OFFICE HAS TOLD CHARGE THAT ONLY ALEXANDER  
GIBB REPORT IS AVAILABLE, AND DESPITE PROMISES TO SEND IT TO  
EMBASSY, EVEN THAT ONE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. TO ADD TO  
CONFUSION, THERE WAS RECENT PRESS REPORT, WHICH WE HAVE NOT  
YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DELVE INTO, TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH  
HAVE AGREED TO CONDUCT WATER SURVEY. IN SHORT, BROADER SURVEY  
HAS NOT YET GOTTEN VERY FAR. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD  
PROCEED WITH DAM PROJECT, WORRYING ABOUT ITS RELATIONSHIP TO  
OVERALL SURVEY WHEN AND IF LATTER REACHES THAT STAGE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION  
SOONEST THAT BUREC STILL  
PREPARED PROCEED AS SUGGESTED IN ITS  
STUDY. IT WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE ANY  
INDICATION WHEN THIS NEXT PHASE MIGHT BEGIN. AS FOR DETAILS, WE  
HAVE DRAFT OF UAEG/USG AGREEMENT LEFT BY PEMBERTON IN DEC 74.  
BUT THAT MAY NO LONGER BE VALID (AND IS NOT COMPLETE IN ANY  
CASE). MOREOVER, AS WE READ DRAFT AND REPORT ITSELF, IT NOT  
CLEAR TO US TO WHAT EXTENT NARROWING OF FOCUS OF THIS NEXT  
PHASE (WE ASSUME IDEA IS TO CONCENTRATE ON AL AIN AREA LEAVING  
ASIDE OTHER SITES EXAMINED IN FIRST SURVEY) MIGHT CHANGE  
PROPOSAL AND PARTICULARLY COST/TIME FACTORS. ANY INDICATION WE  
MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON THESE POINTS WOULD ALSO BE MOST  
USEFUL. THE KEY, HOWEVER, IS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE SHURAFU LETTER,  
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK, SAYING WE PREPARED TO PROCEED.  
PLEASE ADVISE.  
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